

**REMARKS**

The claims being amended herein are those presented in an amendment filed during the International Phase of the PCT application from which the present U.S. application originated.

Claim 3-5 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claims 1-5 have been amended to add clarity to the language. New claims 6-16 have been added to introduced claims of varying scope based on the original multiply dependent claims. There is support in the specification and original claims for these amendments, and no new matter has been introduced.

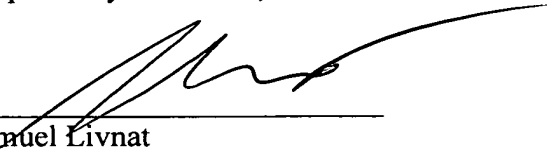
Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-16 (*one independent claim and 16 total claims; no multiple dependencies*) will be pending. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with these amendments.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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